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SUBJECT: STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF PRODUCER-
CONSUMER DIALOGUE

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1. DAVIGNON WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR PROMPT AND FULL RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE FOLLOWING TALKS WITH THE FRENCH DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PARIS LAST THURSDAY. HE PLANS TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THE FRENCH AT THIS WEEK'S EC COUNCIL MEETING. POINTS RAISED IN YOUR MESSAGE AND REPORT RESULTS OF THESE TALKS TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO DEPT.

2. IN GENERAL, DAVIGNON AGREES WITH U.S. POSITION. HE IS PLEASED WITH PROPOSED TIMING OF SECOND MEETING OF KLEBER GROUP AND WITH SCHEDULE SUGGESTED FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING. TO KEEP UP MOMENTUM, DAVIGNON WOULD LIKE IF THERE IS AGREEMENT AMONG EC MEMBERS, TO HAVE EC COUNCIL AT ITS JULY 22 MEETING, ISSUE CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE AND THEN MAKE THIS CALL MORE SPECIFIC FOLLOWING FULL IEA CONSULTATION AT JULY 28 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. HE WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH THE FRENCH AT THIS WEEK'S

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EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING.

3. DAVIGNON CONSIDERS NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE 27 COUNTRIES AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OR ON COMPOSITION OF THIS GROUP. HE SUPPORTS PROPOSAL TO HAVE EIGHT (8) OPEC COUNTRIES AT CONFERENCE. HE IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE POSITION ON CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMISSIONS UNTIL THERE IS FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF THIS POINT.

4. DAVIGNON WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH DEPT'S VIEWS ON IEA PARTICIPATION AT SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING AND ON THE ENERGY COMMISSION. HE ALSO THOUGHT IEA SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WHEN AND IF STOCK-TAKING TAKES PLACE (PARA 6 REFTEL) SINCE IEA INTERESTS MAY BE VITALLY INVOLVED. FIRESTONE

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